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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Lori L. Coletta

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 and 11-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bungert 3,596,977.

Regarding claim 1, Bungert '977 discloses a cargo system, comprising a plurality of rigidly connected compartments adapted to mount on the roof of a vehicle, said plurality of compartments including a first compartment suitable for mounting a retractable awning (33) therein; and a second compartment suitable for storing cargo (70, 71, 72, 73 and 75) in Figures 4 and 5.

Regarding claim 2, Bungert '977 discloses the cargo system, further comprising a flooring (20), said first and second compartments being rigidly connected via said floor in Figure 6.

Regarding 3, Bungert '977 discloses the cargo system, further comprising an access panel operatively associated with one of said plurality of compartments.

Regarding claim 7, Bungert '977 discloses the cargo system, wherein the first compartment is spaced a distance from said second compartment, thereby defining a third compartment therebetween.

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3. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ettlinger 6,595,382.

Regarding claim 10, Ettlinger '382 discloses a cargo system adapted to mount on a vehicle roof, the cargo system comprising a first compartment (1) including a liquid container having two portions; a first container portion (2) connected to the first compartment; and a second container portion (5) suspended within said first compartment in Figure 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bunger 3,596,977 in view of Canfield 5,032,957.

Regarding claims 7 and 8, Bunger '977 discloses the cargo system but does not show a light assembly operatively associated with one of said first, second and third compartment (claim 7); and wherein said light assembly further includes an electrical conductor suitable for providing power to said light assembly, said conductor emerging from the cargo system (claim 8).

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Canfield '957 teaches a light assembly (10) operatively associated with a compartment (20) in Figure 1; the light assembly (10) further includes an electrical conductor (72) suitable for providing power to the light assembly; the electrical conductor (72) emerging from the compartment.

Regarding claims 7 and 8, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the cargo system of Bunger '977, with a light assembly, as taught by Canfield '957, in order to provide lighting to the compartments of the cargo system.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 4-6 and 11-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The cited references show several other cargo systems similar to that of the current invention.

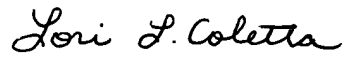
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Coletta whose telephone number is 571-272-6658.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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